# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL STATE INTEGRATION COUNCIL
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has constituted the National Integration Council (NIC);

(b) if so, the details and composition thereof;

(c) the number of meetings held by NIC during the last one year;

(d) the details of the States that have constituted the State Integration Council in their respective States; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to constitute State Integration Council in every State?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The National Integration Council (NIC) was last reconstituted by way of Press Note dated 2.2.2005. The re-constituted NIC, headed by the Prime Minister, has 138 Members comprising Union Ministers, Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories which have legislatures, Leaders of National Political Parties and Regional Political Parties, Chairpersons of National Commissions, Media Persons, Eminent Public Figures and Representatives drawn from Business, Labour & Women.

(c): No meeting of NIC has been held during the last one year.

(d) & (e): The NIC in its meeting held on 24.4.1981 recommended setting up of National Integration Committees at the State and District levels. Further NIC in its meeting held on 31.8.2005 again reiterated the need for setting up of State level Committees on the pattern of NIC. Accordingly, all the State Governments and Union Territories of Delhi and Pondicherry were urged to consider setting up such committees. State and District level Committees were constituted in the States of Assam, Kerala, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh. Committees at State Level only were constituted in the States of Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Goa, Maharashtra & Punjab. In addition, Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Manipur and Rajasthan are in process of constituting such Committees. Government of Arunachal Pradesh has informed that there is no need for such Committee as no communal tension prevails in the State.